

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 13-17, 21, 22, 25-27, 30, and 31 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:

a presence information unit configured to provide presence information associated with a plurality of users said presence information comprising a plurality of elements associated with each user;

a storing unit configured to store information defining at least one group, said group containing a plurality of users; and

an information providing unit configured to provide information defining for ~~said~~ at least one each user of said group which elements of said presence information are to be provided to ~~said~~ at least one user, wherein for at least one user of said group, said provided information defines a subset of said elements of said presence information.

2. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said defined subsets of said elements of said presence information are provided to a requester in response to request from said requester.

3. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said requester is at least one of said plurality of said users.

4. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said defined subsets of said elements of said presence information are available only to one requester or to a plurality of requesters.

5. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein said defined subsets of said elements of said presence information provided are dependent on the identity of the requester.

6. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 5, further comprising a determining unit configured to determine the identity of the requester making said request.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim 130, wherein said storing unit comprises a presence server.

8. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information providing unit configured to provide said information comprises a storage unit.

9. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said storing unit and said information providing unit are provided by a common storage unit.

10. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information providing unit configured to provide said information comprises one of said users.

11. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein a separate address is provided for each of a plurality of groups.

12. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said users comprise user equipment.

13. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim ~~130~~, wherein said presence information comprises at least one of the following elements of information:

subscriber status; network status; communication type; contact address; subscriber provided location; network provided location; text; priority; mood; and favorite color.

14. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim ~~130~~, wherein said ~~providing unit is configured to provide~~second information comprises information as to subsets of said the elements of said presence information required.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim ~~130~~, wherein said ~~information providing unit is configured to provide~~second information comprises information as to the subsets of said elements of said presence information not required.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim ~~130~~, wherein the subsets of said elements of the presence information to be obtained are the same for all of at least one group.

17. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim ~~130~~, wherein the subsets of said elements of the presence information to be obtained are different for at least two users in at least one group.

18. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the system operates in accordance with a session initiation protocol.

19. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 18, wherein said request for said presence information is made in a subscribe request.

20. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the information providing unit comprise a session initiation protocol subscribe message.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim 130, wherein said storing unit is configured to receive presence information from the users of said group.

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim 2130, wherein said storing unit is configured to provide the subset of said elements of the presence information to be provided.

23. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein an entity associated with a user or a user of the group is configured to provide the elements of the presence information to be provided.

24. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 23, wherein said entity comprises a presence server.

25. (Currently Amended) A ~~system~~communications entity as claimed in claim 130, wherein said storing unit is configured to add said elements of presence information to a request sent to said user or an entity associated with said user.

26. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 21, wherein when said storage unit receives a request from said requester, said storage unit is configured to insert the elements of presence information into a request sent to said user or an entity associated with said user.

27. (Currently Amended) A communication method, comprising:
defining at least one group, said group containing a plurality of users with which presence information is associated, said presence information comprising a plurality of elements associated with each user, and
defining for ~~said at least one~~each user of said group which elements of said presence information are to be provided, wherein for at least one user of said group, said provided information defines a subset of said elements of said presence information.

28. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising:
filtering the presence information for at least one user of the group to obtain the defined elements of said presence information.

29. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 27, further comprising:
requesting for at least one user of said group said defined elements of said presence information.

30. (Currently Amended) A communications entity, comprising:

a storing unit configured to store;

first information defining at least one group, wherein said group comprises a plurality of users with which presence information is associated, and wherein said presence information comprises a plurality of elements associated with each user; and

second information defining for ~~said at least one~~each user of said group which elements of said presence information are to be provided, wherein for at least one user of said group, said provided information defines a subset of said elements of said presence information.

31. (Currently Amended) A communication system, comprising:

presence information providing means for providing presence information associated with a plurality of users, said presence information comprising a plurality of elements associated with each user;

storing means for storing information defining at least one group, said group containing a plurality of users; and

information providing means for providing information defining for said ~~at least one~~each user of said group which elements of said presence information are to be provided, wherein for at least one user of said group, said provided information defines a subset of said elements of said presence information.